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## CHRISTMAS CHARITY.

A Christmas gift must express affection and good will, or it is meaningless. It must give joy, or it is a failure. There must be undivided pleasure in the giving, or it is a mockery. Unless it does all these it is a sacrifice. It is through the combination of them all that the humblest little tokens are treasured and Christmas is made the gladdest day of all the year.

The giving of presents has become the chief feature of the festival. It even has made the celebration of the nativity take secondary place. Good will toward men is recognized as of equal importance with glory of God in the highest. Material expressions of affection are in themselves a form of worship that in drawing friends nearer together, in softening antagonisms, in disseminating cheer, in relieving want and in inculcating a spirit of charity, lift mankind closer to God and make earth nearer to heaven.

There can be no holier sentiment attached to a gift on that day than charity, for it combines all that is good and tender in human emotion. There is a double joy in charity, for it blesses two. Charity not only gives happiness in the act itself, but it quickens and develops, for all after life, pure, precious qualities of mind and heart that are an ever-flowing well-spring of peace. Charity comes nearer to spanning the immeasurable space between the sin of this life and the holiness of heaven than any other blessing that man knows.

If in the fall of Adam there was any quality that did not degenerate, if there was anything saved from paradise to remind humanity of what had been lost, it was charity. There is much for us all in Christmas if we but take it. In giving to friends we must not overlook the richer mine of joy that lies in the penny to the poor.

Christmas is not complete for us if we fail to give comfort to the needy and cheer to the downcast. It is a sacred duty to ourselves, for in it is the best joy that the day can give or that this life can know.

## LAMAR'S "CALL DOWN."

Without exception the democratic press of southern cities condemn Congressman Lamar for his "play to the galleries" of Florida by open defiance of the democratic leader, John Sharp Williams, on the floor of the House last week. Mr. Lamar and Mr. Shackelford had not been re-named as members of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce. The reason assigned by Mr. Williams for not naming them was that as members of that committee in the former congress they had refused to support the democratic caucus measure on the subject of railroad rate legislation. They had placed themselves above and superior to party opinion. For this reason if for no other Mr. Williams felt that he was justified in not naming Mr. Lamar and Mr. Shackelford for this committee of the new congress. "My brother would have gone off that committee under the same circumstances," said Mr. Williams.

But Mr. Williams seems to be a judge of men as well as measures. At any rate he seems to have located Mr. Lamar mentally when in comparing him to his great uncle, the late Mr. Justice L. Q. C. Lamar, he said: "This great uncle possessed 'superb egotism, but he also possessed, to compensate it, a superb intellect.' He didn't say the nephew was lacking in the latter quality except by implication.

Mr. Williams' action has been approved, not alone by the southern press, but by almost the unanimous opinion of members of the minority side of the House.

The Tallahassee True Democrat, published in Mr. Lamar's district sizes Mr. Lamar about as correctly as does Mr. Williams when it stated: "Congressman W. B. Lamar, of this Congressional District, having been left off of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, had quite a tilt with Minority Leader Williams at the session of Congress on the 10th, and during the confusion which followed the tilt, Mr. Lamar shouted: 'Mr. Speaker, he went to the newspapers with it.' Now, who goes into the newspapers more than does our W. B. Lamar, when he wishes Floridians to know what great things he has done, or is going to try to do? Oh! that vain little darling of ours."

"What's the matter with Jacksonville?" "She's all right." At least all who saw the magnificent 64-page edition of the Times-Union last Sunday, and an edition of a like number of pages of the Metropolis on Saturday, would naturally make just that reply to such a query. There can be no surer index to the progress or prosperity of any city or town (or its absence) than the character of its newspapers. They are the mirrors from which is reflected the class of business men who—as in the case of Jacksonville—drive things. Both these great papers were filled with live advertising and a great variety of topics for general and entertaining reading. They were the biggest things in newspaperdom ever built in Florida. Jacksonville is a clean, aggressive city and a pace setter for the cities of the new south. Every traveled visitor will tell you that. How fortunate then to have newspapers so imbued with the spirit of progress and so capable in leadership.

## AN APPRECIATION.

BY REV. R. L. MONIKER, D. D.

Rev. Charles Allen Fairwood, D. D., a member of the Florida Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was born near Fort Valley, Ga., February 20, 1829, and died at the altar of the church in Ocala, Fla., December 7, 1905.

Hundred of hearts will long to place tenderly the chaplet of love on his grave, but there will be found none to mourn for his home-going as sincerely as those who were taught the lessons of life at his lips. For sixty years this man of God and minister of the Lord Christ, went in and out in the sight of his brethren, unstained, unsuspected and honored by them all.

I never knew one just like him. He combined in himself such elements of strength with the softer virtues of modesty and patience, that he was a man for whom one never had to apologize. Those who knew him best are his warmest eulogists. All over Georgia and Florida his name stood for manhood and courtesy. In the pathway of religious enthusiasm—in the march of that modern desecration of things sacred, he rose up like a great rock, hurling back with his single strength the oncoming forces of error and evil.

He can ill be spared at this time. He held the traditions of ancient gentility, of honor, of unspotted truth. Often he grieved over the "evil manners of our times," but with an optimistic faith he believed that God was in His world and would eventually make things right. His strength lay in his power of self-control. His heart was always fresh with the aspiration to conquer by the newness of truth. He grappled with the keenest zest the most difficult problems, and threw over a question of morals or duty the glamour of pathos and fervor and eloquence. Though the consummation of his purposes was sometimes delayed, his charm of life finally carried him to the goal.

His courage and devotion to duty were of the highest order. In the yellow fever epidemic at Key West, during his pastorate there, he was as an angel of hope and consolation. Visiting through the dreary days and dreadful nights of that scourge, his words of prayer fell upon the fast-deadening ears of the dying, smoothing the passage of many to the unseen land, and inspiring them to a trust which robbed death of its terrors and the grave of its gloom. As the chaplain of a Georgia regiment, C. S. A., in the days of hunger and disease and death, his words and his life won many to the service of righteousness—some of whom still linger on these shores to venerate the memory of their spiritual father in God.

As he stood in the presence of the bishop surrounded by his brethren in the church in Ocala—testifying to the joy of the service of Christ—a beam of golden light filtered through the stained glass window and rested on his face, and the wing of Azrael touched him, and he was not, for he had passed into the fellowship of the immortals to be forever with the Lord.

The example of such a man cannot be lost. Reaching across two generations, he has left the impress of his work on the hearts of thousands. A soldier of the truth, the bright steel of his armor was never tarnished, but threw back to the coming generations as he sank to rest, the level beams of the sun of righteousness as brightly and divinely as when, in the splendor of the morning of his life he caught the first rays of that earlier rising. Amen.

## Master Was A Gentleman.

A Boston couple were recreating near Augusta, and met an old negro woman to whom they took a fancy. They invited her to pay them a visit, and the colored woman accepted, especially as her expenses were to be paid.

In due time she arrived in Boston and was installed in the house of the white folks. She was given one of the best rooms, and ate at the same table with her host and hostess.

At one of the meals the hostess said: "Mrs. Jones; you were a slave, weren't you?" "Yes, marm," replied Mrs. Jones. "I belonged to Mrs. Robert Howland."

"I suppose he never invited you to eat at his table?" remarked the Boston lady.

"No, honey, dat he ain't," replied Mrs. Jones. "My master was a gentleman. He ain't never let no nigger set at the table longside er him."—Boston Herald.

As a Clincher. "I'm not so particular about speed, but I must have a gentle horse," repeated Mr. Green. "My wife wants to drive, you see. Will you warrant this horse to be safe?" "Certainly," said the dealer reassuringly. "He's a regular lady's horse."

## HIRCUS, THE DANCING BILLY GOAT

By MICKEY FINN

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It was Christmas eve, and Patrick Doolan, the foreman of the gas works, had summoned a goodly company of his friends to celebrate the holiday season and the arrival of two barrels of Irish turf from his native town. A bushel of this peat lay glowing in the fireplace. While the snow was softly piling itself upon the window eaves and the wind was falling liberties with the shutters Judy Callahan shyly pinned upon the lapel of Dick Walsh, the letter carrier, a sprig of Irish ivy. By inquiry from rheumatic Flaherty, who sat in the ingle nook nourishing his shins, Dick learned that the symbolic meaning of Irish ivy is "I cling to thee." Judy's shriek a moment later indicated that



"T'WAS THREE MONTHS 'O' STRAY 'AND CARIOUS."

Dick had taken advantage of the information. Just then Jack Doolan, the youthful heir to the Doolan estate, put his head inside the door.

"Father, can I bring in the nanny? The snow is fallin' on her through the roof, and she's tremblin' wid the cold."

"Of course, my son," said Mr. Doolan heartily. "Bring her in. We don't want our milk watered."

"That's a foin' baste you have there," said Flaherty. "How much milk does she give?"

"Two quarts a day, but she used to give three quarts a day before her husband died. She's plim' away since that time, poor gurrl. I think 'tis the love-sickness she has," said Mr. Doolan.

"Dear, dear, look at that, now!" said Mrs. Reagan sympathetically. "I always said that nanny goats was staminate. And how long is the billy goat dead, Mr. Doolan?"

"'Tis five years the 24th day 'o' this month," replied Doolan. "Sorra day 'twas when we lost Hircus. A more gaynal nor a more willin' goat you would not find in all Har-em. Sure his death was a tragedy and a calamity."

"How was that?" quavered old man Dougherty, the stonemason. "Well," resumed Doolan, "twas a tragedy the way he was translated and a calamity when his death took away the only chance I ever had o' makin' a fortune."

"'Tis queer about goats," continued Doolan. "They are born wid a certain amount of edification. Show me the goat that wouldn't know a cabbage or a turnip when he sees it. Of course a goat knows nothin' about machinery. There was a goat that used to stop the horses drawin' a street car, but when they put a trolley car on the track you couldn't find that much 'o' the goat as would grease a griddle. But a goat can be educated wid sugar and a strap to do tricks. Now, I suppose none o' ye would believe me if I told ye that I taught Hircus to dance as fine a jig or hornpipe as ever you saw in a theater."

A chorus of disbelief arose.

"Yes," said Doolan, "and no Frinch lady could do a finer pass solo on her toes, as they say in the heathen language. You must remember that I was very poor, and I'd be layin' awake nights thinkin' 'o' some plan by way o' makin' a fortune, and when my wife bought the two kids to start the dairy the idee came to me like a flash—I could educate the goat to dance. When I got that idee in me head I could think of nothin' else. Cassidy, how much money do you think a dancin' goat could earn on a theater stage?"

"Well," replied Cassidy, "I should think that \$800 a week would be none too little for so dignacious a curiosity."

"There," resumed Doolan, "tye hear what Cassidy says? Three hundred dollars a week for half an hour's work a day! Faith, I felt the money in me hand! But 'twas werry hard teachin' the goat. An odd animal trainer told me that cruelty and kindness mixed would do the job. When the goat minded me I tickled his ribs and gave him carrots, but when he got stubborn I lathered him with a strap. Mrs. O'Brien, you remember the time we had teachin' Hircus to walk across the room on his hind legs?"

"Deed I do, Doolan!" said Mrs. O'Brien, with a reminiscent sigh.

"Ye'll excuse me, ladies and gentlemen," said Flaherty, rising and putting on his hat, "but I must leave ye. A dancin' goat is too much for my voracity. I couldn't swallow it."

the music of my fiddle. With the goat's head on her shoulder and her arms around his neck they would whirl slowly around in the dawdlin' circles of the mazy, as the poet says."

"How perfectly lovely!" exclaimed Judy Callahan.

"After the lesson was over each night I used to give the goat all kinds of tasty things, like potato peelin's, cabbage stumps and such like, as a reward, and 'twas the habit o' keepin' the goat hungry all day that led to the loss of my fortune. 'Twas three months 'o' strap and carrots before the goat could do a dancin' reel and toe, work as hard as I might, and two weary months before he would nod his head and make a bow the same as if he was before an audience."

"Hark to that now," said Dougherty to Judy Callahan in a whisper. "A goat makin' a bow!"

"As I said before," Doolan went on, "when the goat had learned to bow at a wink we made his billy suit. The thing that cost the most was the skirt, made of red silk and shaped like a parasol. It looked like a hollyhock turned upside down. Then we put a little green cap wid a red tassel on the goat's head and a pair o' white slippers on his feet. And when we showed him his picture in the glass he grinned like a woman puttin' on her Sunday bonnet. The tears fill me eyes when I think that only for that joker Reagan I might be ridin' in me own divil wagon wid rubber wheels."

"The first public appearance of the goat as a billy dancer took place in a barn in the Bronx. We fixed up a stage wid planks and boxes, and 25 cents was charged at the door. The news got around, and long before the time to begin the show the barn was crowded to the doors. Half the roof was gone off the barn, but that hurt nothin', for the night was clear. I was so afraid that the goat wouldn't do his work that I gave him nothin' to eat for twelve hours before he came on the stage, and the poor beast was fair famished. When I walked out on the stage, hand in hand wid the goat, I thought the audience would go crazy. They yelled wid sheer delight when the goat made his bow, and every man in the barn was on his feet, and a hundred o' them had cabbage leaves and carrots in their pockets to give to the goat, like the ladies have bokaes to give to the play actors. As the goat whirled around doin' a waltz he would stop now and then to pick a bit o' cabbage or turnip that some one threw on the stage. But 'twas what that rogue Reagan



"HE WHIRLED AROUND WITHOUT TOUCHIN' THE FLOOR."

gan throw that the goat liked the best. They looked like little pieces o' bread covered wid sugar. The goat picked up so many o' the little chunks that the crowd yelled to put Reagan out because he was stoppin' the show, and I had hard work to get the goat dancin' ag'in. After that the goat seemed to get lighter and lighter upon his feet until he hardly touched the stage. There were times when he whirled around in the air widout touchin' the floor, and the crowd gasped wid astonishment at this wonderful feat. And while he whirled he seemed to be gettin' bigger and bigger till he was as round as a balloon the boys play with. He would go up in the air, whirlin' like a pinwheel, for ten feet, and then light on the stage soft as a thistle-down, and fly up ag'in till he spun up farther and farther, lookin' like a red umbrella on a big punkin, and he was gone through the hole in the roof, translated intirely."

"And where did he go?" said the awe-struck Mrs. Cassidy in a whisper.

"Some o' the little boys attin' on the fence outside said he went up in the direction of O'Ryan, and others said 'twas toward Arcturus and Niptune he went."

"And what was it that Reagan gave the goat?" said the materialistic Walsh, anxious for an explanation of the seeming miracle.

"'Twas yeast cakes that the rogue had covered wid sugar, and the goat ate fifteen o' them."

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Action is eloquence. The eyes of the ignorant are more learned than their ears.—Shakespeare.

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Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that W. C. Townsend, purchaser of tax certificate No. 444, dated the 2nd day of July, A. D. 1900, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

W 1/2 of NW 1/4, and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4, section 34, township 12, range 26—120 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1905.

Witness my official signature and seal this 23rd day of November, A. D. 1905. [Seal] JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Circuit Court Putnam Co., Florida. By R. Raymond Price, dep. clerk.

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Notice is hereby given that W. C. Townsend, purchaser of tax certificate No. 592, dated the 4th day of April, A. D. 1900, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 1, W. bank of river, section 35, township 12, range 26—66 2/3 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1905.

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Notice is hereby given that W. C. Townsend, purchaser of tax certificate No. 829, dated the 4th day of Nov., A. D. 1895, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed to issue in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to-wit:

Gov't lot 8, W. of river, section 35, township 12, range 26—3 1/2 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of W. A. Bryan. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1905.

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E 1/2 of NW 1/4, section 1, township 12, range 27—80 acres.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of R. B. Cook. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1906.

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